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### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

September 9, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the following projects. The Department is seeking public and agency input on the scope and content of the environmental information to be contained in the Environmental Impact Report. A Notice of Preparation document, which contains a description of the probable environmental effects of the project, can be reviewed on the World Wide Web at [http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ceqa\\_public\\_review.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ceqa_public_review.html), at the Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU), Project Processing Counter, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego, California 92123 and at the public libraries listed below. Comments on the Notice of Preparation document must be sent to the DPLU address listed above and should reference the project number and name.

**POD 10-007, WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE.** The project proposes amendments to the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance for wind energy systems. The amendments consist of clarifications, deletions, and revisions to provide an updated set of definitions, procedures, and standards for review and permitting of wind energy systems. The proposed project includes the allowance of small wind energy systems that meet the definition of the Zoning Ordinance by right; and large turbines will be required to complete a separate environmental review process per the Major Use Permit procedures and requirements.

The project is located within the County of San Diego which is in Southern California bordered to the west by the Pacific Ocean, to the east by Imperial County, to the north by Orange and Riverside Counties, and to the south by Mexico. The project covers the unincorporated portions of the County of San Diego over which the County has land use jurisdiction. Comments on this Notice of Preparation document must be received no later than **October 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** (a 30 day public review period). This Notice of Preparation can also be reviewed at the following libraries: 4S Ranch, Alpine, Bonita, Borrego Springs, Campo, Casa de Oro, Crest, Descanso, Jacumba, Julian, Lakeside, Pine Valley, Potrero, Ramona, Rancho San Diego, Rancho Santa Fe, Spring Valley and Valley Center. In addition, a public scoping meeting for this project will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 21, 2010 in the DPLU Hearing Room at 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego, California 92123. For additional information, please contact Matt Schneider at (858) 694-3714 or by e-mail at [matthew.schneider@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:matthew.schneider@sdcounty.ca.gov).